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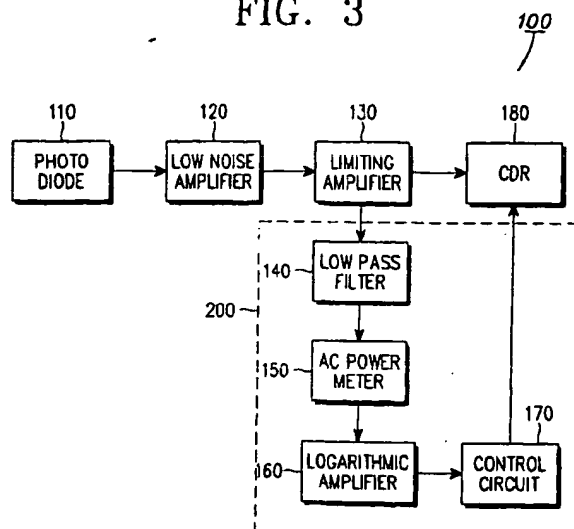
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**(54) Bit rate detection circuit and algorithm for optical networks**

(57) A receiver in an optical network with a bit rate detection circuit for automatically detecting input signal data bit rates to automatically adjust the frequency of a voltage controlled oscillator in the receiver is disclosed. The receiver has a data rate detection and frequency adjustment circuit which automatically detects the data

rate of an input signal and automatically adjusts the frequency of the VCO in the receiver in accordance with the data rate of the input signal. The data rate detection and frequency adjustment circuit detects the data rate of the input signal by converting the input signal into a DC voltage value that varies with respect to the data rate of the input signal.

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1. claims: 1,2

Optical receiver with rate detection circuit for determining the data rate by determining a power present.

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2. claims: 11-20

Optical receiver with rate detection comprising a PLL circuit.

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3. claims: 3-10,21-31

Optical receiver with rate detection comprising a low pass filter.

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